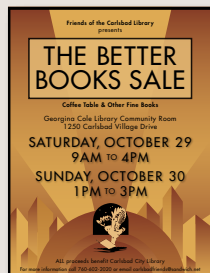


FRIENDS FORUM

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BETTER BOOKS SALE

Most items are as-new and all are available for immediate sale.

Saturday, Oct. 29,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30,
1 - 3 p.m.

Georgina Cole
Community Room
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr.

- ☛ Coffee-table and art books
- ☛ Children's books
- ☛ Cooking and Home Arts
- ☛ And much more

Most items will be half-price on Sunday.

The Carlsbad Garden Club will again partner with a plant sale.

More information:
760-602-2020 or
carlsbadfriends@
sandwich.net

Farishta = Angel = Patricia McArdle

By ANN CARLI

She started out to see the world and ended up striving to help it. Patricia McArdle grew up a Carlsbad girl and upon graduation did a bit of "the grand tour" to Europe.

That travel convinced her she wanted to see the world. Thus began a stint in the Peace Corps, service in the Navy, and ultimately a 27-year career in the Foreign Service.

McArdle's last tour in 2005 was as the United States' senior representative in northern Afghanistan, the only woman working with a British Army Provincial Reconstruction Team. Her sensitive eye recorded in journals the beauty of the country and difficult lives of the people contrasted against the political frustrations of the Foreign Service. Her journals culminated in her novel *Farishta*, the 2010 award-winning Amazon Breakthrough Novel, selected from more than 5000 entries.

Farishta, translated as "angel" in the Afghani language of Dari, combines political turmoil, tribal tensions, military and diplomatic jockeying, and a deep respect and affection for the country and people of Afghanistan. Inspired by real people and events, McArdle's novel includes an array of characters the reader grows to care about: protagonist Angela Morgan, a mid-career diplomat who overcomes personal tragedy to discover a new life; her interpreter Rahim; the covert feminist Nilohar; formidable warlords; dedicated British soldiers; and the cold and challenging hero, Major Davies.

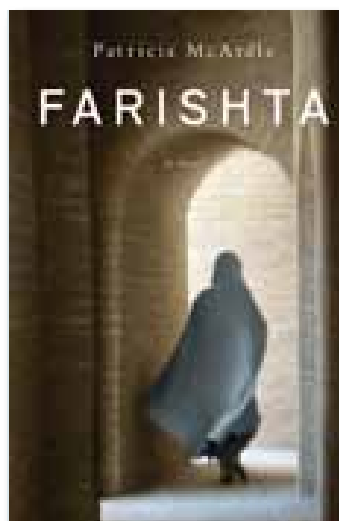
Against a backdrop of the escalating war, Morgan finds a new sense of purpose by helping the children and women of Afghanistan. McArdle's own experience with a rudimentary solar cooking device forms a keystone of the novel.

"My solar cooker epiphany occurred on a cold but sunny March day while on patrol in the Hindu Kush with one of the military observation teams. During my travels around northern Afghanistan, I had observed that there were almost no trees and little groundcover left in the region. People told me that the trees had been cut down for firewood or to make charcoal. As we drove that morning up a narrow mountain trail to a remote village for a meeting with local officials, we passed a group of young (five to seven year old) children leading donkeys down the trail.

"At the end of the day, heading down the mountain, we again passed the children, who were on their way home. They were struggling to carry enormous bundles of the same 'tumbleweed' I had seen the women cooking with. As we traveled west into the glare of the

setting sun, I suddenly remembered the solar cooker I had constructed out of a cardboard box when I was a Girl Scout many years ago. 'Someone should tell these people about solar cookers,' I thought. Since I didn't know much about solar cookers myself, I did some research."

Beginning with the most basic materials she began to construct solar cookers and, following custom,



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From Our Library and Cultural Arts Director



The Summer Reading Program has only just ended, and we already miss the frantically busy days of overflowing crowds. Of course, the lull is only brief before every table and computer is occupied once again.

Aside from the participation numbers, there is other evidence of this program's enormous impact. A mom wrote to the Library, the Friends and volunteers (excerpted): "Our son will be entering second grade this year. He REALLY struggles with reading – especially out loud as well as reading comprehension. He participated in the Summer Reading Program for the second time. In the process, he earned stickers, praise, toys and gift certificates. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate all of the coordination, effort and financial support that it took to offer this program. He is developing a love for reading, and rewarded for being brave and persistent. What a

tremendous difference you are making!" We thank the Friends for partnering with the Library in this achievement.

The Friends have also been instrumental in the Library's ability to be innovative and overcome challenges. Friends' funding allowed the purchase of netbooks and tablets for use by patrons at the Cole Library, where there aren't enough computers to meet demand. With no more space for PCs or network wiring, it's taken creative thinking and terrific enthusiasm from the Friends to try something new. We are truly grateful to have such progressive Friends!

— Heather Pizzuto, Library and Cultural Arts Director

PATRICIA McARDLE

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presented them to the men of the villages to give to the women. These experiences were the inspiration for *Farishta* and a personal mission to assist people in developing countries through sustainable energy, solar cooking technology, and reconstruction. McArdle is now a board member of Solar Household Energy and Solar Cookers International.



From her career as diplomat to award-winning novelist to humanitarian activist, Patricia McArdle fulfilled more than her dream.

READING AND DISCUSSING

Did you know that the Library sponsors five different book discussion groups? Readers who enjoy sharing their ideas can find a group that reads mysteries, fiction, non-fiction, historical novels, and best sellers. Pick up the Book Club bookmark at the information rack at both libraries to see what's being read and discussed:

Fourth Monday evening

7 p.m. Dove Library

First Tuesday evening

7 p.m. Cole Library

First Wednesday afternoon

2 p.m. Dove Library

Second Thursday

afternoon

2 p.m. Cole Library

First Thursday evening

7 p.m. Dove Library

Summer Reads

Hundreds of colorful paper balloons donned the ceiling of the children's section of the Cole Library celebrating the children who participated in the Summer Reading Program. Friends of the Library and a number of local businesses joined together in sponsoring the Summer Reads Program, which drew 4,152 children, 432 teens, 232 adults, and 383 baby readers!



The Friends stocked shelves of nearly new "reward books" from which each participating child could choose his or her own selection. The delight on each child's face as they shopped for a "free book" in the library was mirrored in the faces of the Friends' volunteers.



Book Sales Galore!

Super Summer Sale: Outstanding stock, dedicated volunteers and an enthusiastic public made this summer's book sale the most successful, resulting in a \$6000 donation to the Library.

And now onward to the **Fall Better Books Sale** at the Cole Library Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 30, 1 to 3 p.m. This Friends sale offers an excellent selection of higher-end and coffee table volumes, along with many wonderful children's books. Now in its third year, this sale is held spring and fall in the Cole Library Community Room. As always, everything will be half price on the second day.



Photo by Vicky Tarulis

The annual **Holiday Book Boutique** will be Monday, Dec. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. outside the Dove Bookstore and will continue during regular library hours until we sell out. This sale features gift-quality items for everyone on your holiday lists at great prices. Come early for the best selection.

Welcome! The Friends of the Carlsbad Library welcome new life members **Ellen McGrath-Thorpe** and **Jarka Bartl**.

FRIENDS OF THE CARLSBAD LIBRARY

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A Sampling of "Happenings at your Library"

Here are just a few of the wide variety of fall events taking place at Carlsbad City Library. Check "Happenings," the events calendar and brochure in the information racks.

MUSIC

Music lovers are invited to a free concert featuring Scott Gates and Nathan McEuen on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. at Dove Library's Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium. Nathan and Scott play a host of originals and classics with a bluegrass twist. With impressive musical talent and a dash of humor, Nathan and Scott entertain audience members at every show.

PLAY READING

Want to get in the Halloween mood? On Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. "Write Out Loud" features professional actors reading stories and poems that explore the mystical, magical, and mysterious.

Attend the Carlsbad Playreaders Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. reading of "Hideous Progeny," a blend of fact and fiction about how Mary Shelley came to write *Frankenstein*. This ticketed event will take place in the Dove Library's Schulman Auditorium at 7 p.m.

CINEMA

Film enthusiasts can join Wednesday night 6 p.m. screenings of popular films at the Dove Library. Movie buff Ann Zivotsky leads a post-film discussion after the screening.

CREATIVE WRITING

Creative writing opportunities abound with an Oct. 23 poetry writing workshop from 1:30 to 4:30 and a Nov. 19 journal writing workshop led by Erica Miner from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cole Library. Both workshops are free, and novice and experienced writers are welcome.

CHILDREN AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Parents and grandparents are invited to take the special kids in their lives to family-friendly programs throughout the week and Saturdays. Activities include story times, crafts, computing, and science events. TeenScape, designed for Grades 6-12, is an after-school gathering for games, movies, music, and more.

More information about library events can be found online at www.carlsbadlibrary.org or in the library's "Happenings" and brochures in the information racks.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Classes and tutoring in Internet Basics, E-mail, Beginning Word, MS Office Basics, Career Transitions and Social Networking are free at the Library Learning Center and Dove Library. Pick up the schedule in the information racks.

VOLUNTEERING

Twenty potential volunteers joined lively Volunteer Coordinator Tammy Atherton in August for training as volunteers at the Dove Library, the Cole Library and the Learning Center. Volunteers are needed and welcomed to help in the Friends of the Library Bookstore, homework assistance program for school-age children, storytelling on Saturdays, delivering books to homebound patrons, and teaching reading and writing to adults in the literacy program. Commitments range from once a month to more frequent activities. The next training session will be Oct. 15 at the Cole Library.

FOR INFORMATION:

Friends' Bookstore Volunteers:

Contact Sue Moreno 760-845-2424

General Library Volunteers:

Contact Tammy Atherton 760-434-2877

Literacy Program Volunteers:

Contact Carrie Scott 760-931-4515

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— Kurt Vonnegut [In These Times, 8/6/2004]

THE INTANGIBLE TANGIBLE — BECOME A FRIEND

Convert your goodwill and pride in our exceptional library into tangible support with a membership in the Friends of the Carlsbad Library. The Friends have been working to make ours the finest library possible for more than 50 years by providing major funding for the Summer Reading Program, the Carlsbad Reads Together event, and the Magee Park Poets program. In addition, we're currently

providing funding for enhanced technology and programs for kids and teens. Volunteers operate the Dove and Cole Friends' bookstores and help with four big annual sales. You can be part of these tangible programs by completing the application for membership. If you're already a member, please take pride in the Friends' tangible accomplishments and continue your support with your renewal.

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